July 1, 1867
Quebec Becomes a Province

Quebec was one of the four original provinces of the Dominion of Canada, and is the largest province of Canada. Quebec has had a very strong French influence throughout its history. Its rapid industrial growth is partly due to the many rivers located there. Quebec ranks first as a producer of hydroelectric power in North America. The first permanent European settlement in Canada was in Quebec, along the St. Lawrence River. There are many attractions in Quebec for tourists, including historical and art museums, along with outdoor attractions such as hiking, skiing, and canoeing. Music and art festivals are also very popular. A few of the many famous people from Quebec include Myriam Bedard, Joseph-Armand Bombardier, Maurice "Rocket" Richard, Jacques Villeneuve, Patrick Roy, Mario Lemieux, and Marc Garneau.

Look at the map of Quebec below. Label the capital of Quebec. Locate the cities of Salluit, Fort Rupert, Caniapiscau, Chibougamau, Forestville, Havre-St.-Pierre, Lac-Cayamant, Aylmer, Hull, St. Pascal, Drummondville, Montmagny, Aguanish, Kuujjuarapik, Verdun, Ste-Anne-du-Lac, and Gatineau. and label them on the map. Now label Mount Iberville, Mount Tremblant, Mount Royal, the Sutton Mountains, the Monteregians, the Laurentian Mountains, and the Canadian Shield. Also, locate the Saguenay River, St. Maurice River, Ottawa River, Chaudière River, Richelieu River, St. Francis River, St. Lawrence River, Montmorency River, Lake Sakami, Lake Eau Claire, Lake Hutte Sauvage, Lake Magpie, Lake St.-Jean, Lake Naococane, and Lake Pletipe, and label them. Lastly, label the provinces, states, or bodies of water that border Quebec. When you have finished, move on to the timeline of Quebec history on the next page and the research prompts that follow.



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Timeline of Quebec History

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2. The Treaty of Paris gives control of Quebec to the British
3. Television broadcasting begins in the province of Quebec
4. Sir Wilfrid Laurier becomes the first French-Canadian prime minister of Canada
5. The St. Lawrence Seaway is completed
6. Samuel de Champlain founds Quebec City
7. Anti-draft riots occur in Quebec City
8. Quebec is divided into two colonies
9. The current boundary between Quebec and Labrador is set
10. The Act of Union reunites the two parts of Quebec into the Province of Canada
11. The Chateau Ramezay Museum is built
12. French is made the only official language in Quebec
13. Quebec almost doubles in size with an extension of its boundaries
14. Canada's first major canal opens in Quebec
15. A large asbestos fiber mill opens in the town of Asbestos
16. Jacques Cartier claims the area of Quebec for France
17. The Legislative Council is abolished in Quebec
18. The Dominion of Canada is formed with Quebec being one of the original four provinces
19. The *Quebec Gazette* is the first newspaper published in Quebec
20. The first radio broadcast in Canada is made from Montreal

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Research Prompt #1

Many people feel that the St. Lawrence Seaway took shipping away from the harbor at Montreal and caused a decline in the economic prosperity of Montreal. Do you think there has been a decline in the economy of Montreal since the St. Lawrence Seaway opened? If so, do you believe the seaway was a major contributor to this decline?

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Research Prompt #2

In 1832, La Grosse Île was used as a quarantine station to try to stop the spread of cholera as immigrants were coming into Canada from Europe. However, the cholera epidemic still spread. Do you think it was a good idea to try to stop the cholera epidemic by using a quarantine station? Do you think it helped, or did it allow more immigrants to contract the disease by forcing them to stay at the station with others who were already infected?

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Research Prompt #3

Since 1920, the Quebec Citadel National Historic Site of Canada has been an active military base. Research the site and explain the significance that led to it becoming a national historic site. Why was it one of the reasons Quebec's Historic District was placed on the UNESCO World Heritage Site list?

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